

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable James B. Edwards  
Secretary of Energy  
US Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Jim:

Herewith the Intelligence Community's just completed assessment of trends in the spread of nuclear technology and weapons to additional countries. The assessment, in the form of a comprehensive National Intelligence Estimate, focusses on the increasing difficulties in trying to slow this spread, and the consequent threats to US interests that are likely to emerge.

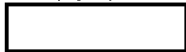
Given the threat to US national security posed by nuclear proliferation, the Intelligence Community has established the highest priority for collection and analysis of information on the various issues comprising the proliferation topic. In the future we will be focussing our efforts on specific countries and issues of greatest proliferation concern and will update our estimates as warranted.

Yours,

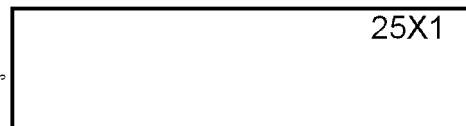
**/s/ William J. Casey**

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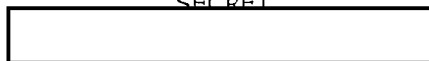


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